

IN THE CLAIMS

Amendments to the Claims:

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Listing of Claims:

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently amended) A supporting structure for a platform ~~[[in]]~~ of a scanner, ~~wherein the scanner has a housing and the supporting structure is located on an interior wall of the housing,~~ the supporting structure comprising:
a supporting surface capable of contacting ~~configured to contact~~ ~~[[the]]~~ a platform of the ~~of the~~ ~~[[a]]~~ scanner; and
an absorbing body located beneath the supporting surface capable of sharing ~~configured to share~~ an external stress received by the supporting surface in response to an external force, wherein said supporting structure is capable of being located on an interior wall of a housing of said scanner.
2. (Previously presented) The supporting structure of claim 1, wherein the absorbing body is located along a periphery of the platform.
3. (Previously presented) The supporting structure of claim 1, wherein the absorbing body comprises an inclined structure.

4. (Withdrawn) The supporting structure of claim 3, wherein the absorbing body comprises a substantially "Y" shape.

5. (Withdrawn) The supporting structure of claim 3, wherein the absorbing body comprises a substantially "X" shape.

6. (Currently amended) The supporting structure of claim 1, wherein the absorbing body comprises a substantially curved structure.

7. (Withdrawn) The supporting structure of claim 6, wherein the absorbing body comprises a substantially flattened "C" shape.

8. (Withdrawn) The supporting structure of claim 6, wherein the absorbing body comprises a substantially "S" shape.

9. (Currently amended) The supporting structure of claim 1, wherein the absorbing body comprises ~~includes~~ an inclined portion and a substantially curved portion.

10. (Previously presented) The supporting structure of claim 9, wherein the absorbing body comprises a substantially "5" shape.

11. (Currently amended) The supporting structure of claim 1, wherein the platform comprises glass.

12. (Previously presented) The supporting structure of claim 1, wherein the platform comprises acrylic resin.

13. (Currently amended) A case body ~~[[for]]~~ capable of carrying a platform of a scanner, comprising:

a housing comprising ~~having~~ an opening on which the platform is capable of being placed; and

one or more support elements mounted on one or more interior walls of the housing, at least one of the support elements comprising:

a supporting surface on ~~a top of each~~ at least one of the support element ~~elements, the supporting surface capable of contacting configured to contact~~ the platform of the scanner; and

an absorbing body located beneath the supporting surface capable of sharing ~~configured to share~~ a stress received by the supporting surface in response to an external force.

14. (Previously presented) The case body of claim 13, wherein the support element is located along a periphery of the platform.

15. (Previously presented) The case body of claim 13, wherein the absorbing body comprises an inclined portion.

16. (Withdrawn) The case body of claim 15, wherein the absorbing body comprises a substantially "Y" shape.

17. (Withdrawn) The case body of claim 15, wherein the absorbing body comprises a substantially "X" shape.

18. (Currently amended) The case body of claim 13, wherein the absorbing body comprises a substantially curved structure.

19. (Withdrawn) The case body of claim 18, wherein the absorbing body comprises a substantially flattened "C" shape.

20. (Withdrawn) The case body of claim 18, wherein the absorbing body comprises a substantially "S" shape.

21. (Currently amended) The case body of claim 13, wherein the absorbing body comprises ~~includes~~ an inclined portion and a substantially curved portion.

22. (Previously presented) The case body of claim 21, wherein the absorbing body comprises a substantially "5" shape.

23. (Previously presented) The case body of claim 13, wherein the platform comprises glass.

24. (Previously presented) The case body of claim 13, wherein the platform comprises acrylic resin.